

Roxbury Community College
Associate Degree Nursing Program

Class of 2017



Pinning Ceremony

Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:30 P.M.

Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center
1350 Tremont Street

Roxbury Crossing, Massachusetts 02120

GREETINGS

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President, Roxbury Community College

Cecile M. Regner, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Lynn H. Doyle, Interim Director of Nursing

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Jennifer A. Versteken, MSN, MBA, RN

Department Chair

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Farah Abellard RN, MSN

STUDENT REFLECTIONS

Stryphanide Firmin

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS

Leadership and Excellence

Hansella Caines Robson, MHA, RN

Assistant Director of Nursing

PRESENTATION OF PINS AND DEDICATION OF ROSES

RECESSIONAL

Family and friends of the graduates are invited to stay for the reception immediately following the program.

SPECIAL THANKS

*We offer thanks to Marshall Hughes, Pam Green, Oliver Seagle, Emily Bearce,
Phuong Tang and Kenneth Hall*

Farah Abellard RN, MSN

Farah is a clinical nurse on Tower 10ba, a medical unit at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Farah knew she wanted to be a nurse early on; she graduated high school in 2006, and was accepted to nursing program at the University of Massachusetts Boston that fall.

While at University Massachusetts Boston, Farah was inducted into the National Honors Society. Additionally she remained involved in the community by organizing several activities for The Ready Set Go college program. This program is geared to talk with middle school students about continuing their education.

Farah's accomplishments include receiving a Partners HealthCare/University of Massachusetts Boston Clinical Leadership Collaborative for Diversity in Nursing Scholarship for her baccalaureate education. She completed her BSN in 2010 and received her Master of Science degree in psychiatric/mental health nursing from Northeastern University in 2015. In addition, Farah received a BWH funded Genevieve Hope Blaney Scholarship award for completion of her MSN degree. In 2015, Farah received the New England Regional Black Nurses' Association Award for Clinical Excellence, attesting to her impressive accomplishments at BWH and beyond.

While working at Brigham and Women's Hospital Farah has received several awards including: The partners in excellence award, Lilly Kravitz Award, and recently she was selected as the YMCA Achiever Award. Farah is also a mentor for our BWH/Roxbury Community College partnership that offers scholarships for RCC graduates to pursue Baccalaureate Degrees; this BWH/RCC program was funded by the Hearst Foundations through the BWH Development Office and the Center for Nursing Excellence.

Farah has committed herself to RCC nursing students and graduates across the program, she is instrumental in the success of our students.

THE NURSE'S PLEDGE

In accepting this pin, I solemnly swear to uphold the ideals of the nursing profession.

I will administer quality care to all patients, regardless of race, creed, or sex.

I will safeguard the patient's rights to privacy, and I will offer support during crises to both clients and their families.

I will participate in activities that promote, restore, and maintain physical and emotional health.

Nursing Department

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The College is committed to diversifying Boston's nursing workforce by providing a well-rounded academic and clinical program. Roxbury Community College has clinical affiliations with some of the top health care facilities in the United States, including Boston Medical Center, Mount Auburn Hospital, South Shore Hospital, and other academic rehabilitation, long term, and community health care sites. Our nursing graduates are employed in all areas of nursing and most continue their formal nursing education in baccalaureate and graduate level institutions.

Associate Degree Nursing Class of 2017

Ricardo Arocho
Toumani Batawaya
Angelee Bullock
Bayley DeCosta
Jesila Dominique
Stryphanide Firmin
Magalie Georges
Stephen Guanue
Mary Harris
Rovena Hoxhaj
Donald Jean Ismeus
Millande Jean
Pewel Jordan

Mabanga Kabengele Mawab
David Kaninu
Flora B. Koffi
Jasmine E. Labossiere
Jasmine Muwonge
Nickson Njenga
Linda Ogbodo
Oluwatosin Oni
Marie D. Pierre
Cristina Santos
Chrisler Thornhill
Catherine Uche Umeh
Varline Valentin

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The College is committed to strengthening Boston's nursing workforce by providing a well-rounded education. Roxbury Community College has clinical affiliations with several hospitals and health care facilities in the Greater Boston area, including Boston Medical Center, Boston Children's Hospital, South Shore Hospital, and other academic health centers, long-term care, and community health care sites. Our nursing graduates are prepared to meet the challenges of the nursing profession and to provide excellent patient care.

NURSING FACULTY

Joseph Babatunde BSN, RN
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Tamika Hopkins BSN, RN
Oby Christina Ikoro BSN, RN

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